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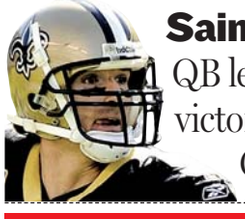

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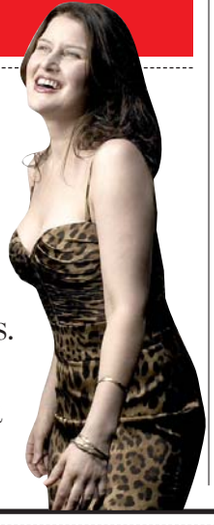

Quiet Comeback : Paula Cole is slowly returning to the spotlight after a long hiatus. Plus, the Japandroids and Salma Hayek. >> 26-35

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Redskins Suffer Ugly Loss to Chiefs

A NEW LOW: A Redskins fan expresses his frustration during Washington's 14-6 loss to the Kansas City Chiefs on Sunday. In what was the Redskins' fourth loss to a previously winless team, fans at FedEx Field cheered only when backup quarterback Todd Collins replaced Jason Campbell. But the Redskins still failed to score a touchdown. ✣ **More Changes?** Zorn in hot water | **Page 15**

Charges Expected In Hoax

Sheriff: Balloon stunt was ploy to gain reality TV deal

FORT COLLINS, COLO. | The story that a little boy had floated away in a giant helium balloon was a hoax concocted to land a reality television show, authorities said, and the boy's parents will likely face felony charges.

The stunt, two weeks in the planning, was a marketing ploy by Richard and Mayumi Heene, who met in acting school in Hollywood and have appeared on the ABC reality show "Wife Swap," Larimer County Sheriff Jim Alderden said. The Heenes have reportedly been working on a reality TV deal in Los Angeles.

Heene

Six-year-old Falcon Heene may not have even been hiding in the rafters of the family's garage during the intense five-hour search for him Thursday, Alderden said. "For all we know, he may have been two blocks down the road playing on the swing in the city park," the sheriff said.

The stunt temporarily shut down Denver International Airport and caused the National Guard to scramble in an attempt to rescue the boy, believed to be inside the homemade balloon that hurtled more than 50 miles across two counties.

The sheriff said he expected to recommend charges of conspiracy, contributing to the delinquency of a minor, making a false report to authorities and attempting to influence a public servant. (AP)

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A Berlin bordello is offering discounts to customers who ride bicycles to the door. "It's very difficult to find parking around here, and this option is better for our environment," said Thomas Goetz, owner of the Maison d'Envie. Customers must show the receptionist either a bike lock key or proof they used public transit. That knocks the price for 45 minutes in a room to 65 euros from 70 euros. (AP)

CONSEQUENCES

That's What You Get For Being Different

A man with a vanity plate reading "XXXXXXX" has racked up about $19,000 in tickets in Birmingham, Ala. The plate causes a bit of a problem when parking patrols put the plate into the system. Officials usually put seven X's in place of the number for cars without license plates. Scottie Roberson says the mix-up has led him to get as many as 10 tickets in a day. (AP)

SEAN GALLUP/GETTY IMAGES

SPACE

One Small Step for Pumpkins

What do you do with too many pumpkins? Fashion a tableau of the moon, complete with lumpy astronaut. Here it is, at the Buschmann and Winkelmann Asparagus Farm on Sunday in Klaistow, Germany. The farm also hosted a biggest pumpkin contest Sunday. The Buschmann and Winklemann farm alone harvests 800 tons of pumpkins and squash annually. (EXPRESS)

VISITATIONS

"Then again, God is the one who makes mineral formations, so if he chooses to have an image appear on a rock, he can do it."

— **FATHER HARVEY FONSECA**, OF LIVINGSTON, CALIF., ON A NEWLY FOUND ROCK DEPICTING WHAT LOOKS LIKE THE VIRGIN MARY.

NOT REALLY

Drug Mule Costume Still Available

A Southern California immigrant rights group has asked Target stores to stop selling an "illegal alien" Halloween costume it says is offensive to immigrants. The costume, posted on Target's Web site, features the mask of an alien with a green card and an orange jumpsuit with "illegal alien" written across the front. Target spokesman Joshua Thomas says the company is removing the costume from the site after receiving several complaints. He says the store never intended to sell the outfit but included it in its online offerings by mistake. (AP)

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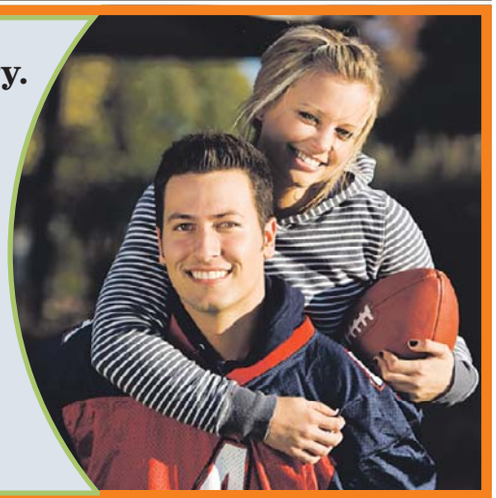

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NEW HAVEN, CONN.

Sotomayor: Nomination Process Tightly Scripted

Supreme Court Justice Sonia Sotomayor says her nomination process was so tightly scripted that even her clothes were chosen for her. Sotomayor made the comments when she appeared at her 30th Yale Law School reunion on Saturday. A lawmaker in attendance, state Sen. Ed Meyer, said Sotomayor recalled being asked to bring five suits to Washington after being announced as President Obama's nominee and then having her outfit picked out for her by government officials. (AP)

Sotomayor

SAN BERNARDINO, CALIF.

Man Dies After Police Use Taser to Subdue Him

Police say a 19-year-old man has died in Southern California after officers used a Taser on him at a board-and-care facility. The department says officers had been summoned to the facility to investigate a fight involving three people Friday night. Police say officers separated the trio but "one of the subjects became combative and a Taser was deployed to control him." (AP)

Emanuel: Afghan Government Key

Obama official says country must prove it can partner with U.S.

WASHINGTON | President Obama will not commit more U.S. troops to Afghanistan until he is convinced that the central government can be a credible and effective U.S. partner, a senior White House aide said Sunday.

But it was unclear whether Obama intends to accept the recommendation by the top U.S. commander in Afghanistan, Gen. Stanley McChrystal, for thousands more American troops and other resources in the eight-year-struggle to stabilize Afghanistan.

The central question before Obama, White House chief of staff Rahm Emanuel said, is "not how much troops you have, but whether in fact there's an Afghan partner."

The issue of developing an effective Afghan central government has dogged the U.S. mission virtually from the war's start after the attacks against the U.S. on Sept. 11, 2001. It gained new urgency after an Aug. 20 presidential election marred by charges of ballot-stuffing and voter coercion.

MASSOUD HOSSAINI/AFP/GETTY IMAGES

Afghanistan President Hamid Karzai is facing allegations of voting fraud and may be forced into a runoff with his top challenger, ex-foreign minister Abdullah Abdullah.

An election fraud investigation could lead to a runoff election between President Hamid Karzai and his top challenger, former foreign minister Abdullah Abdullah.

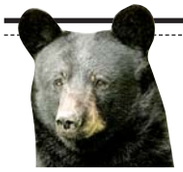
A second round of balloting would have to be held before winter, which traditionally begins in mid-November. Once heavy snows block mountain passes, thereby limiting voter access to polling places, a runoff would have to wait until spring, leaving the country in political limbo for months as the Taliban gains strength.

The weakness of the Afghan government has undermined the U.S. military mission.

The weakness of the Afghan government has undermined the U.S. and NATO military mission in several respects. It has created disillusionment among ordinary Afghans who then turn to the Taliban militants for security and other services. That has been an important factor in the Taliban's resurgence over the past four years.

Emanuel repeatedly underlined doubts about the Kabul government as a reliable partner for the U.S.

"There's not a security force, an army, the type of services that are important for the Afghans to become true partners," Emanuel said. ROBERT BURNS (AP)



WILDLIFE **Bear Necessities** Shoppers in a Hayward, Wis., grocery store got an unexpected surprise on Thursday when a 125-pound black bear wandered inside and headed straight for the alcohol. The bear climbed up 12 feet onto a shelf in the store's beer cooler, where it sat for about an hour while employees evacuated customers. Officials from the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources tranquilized the animal and took it out of the store. Store workers say the bear seemed content in the cooler and did not consume any alcohol. (AP)

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Vt. College Considers the Willow

Middlebury tests out quick-growing shrub as possible fuel source

MIDDLEBURY, VT. | Middlebury College used to heat its buildings with oil, then switched to wood chips. Now it has planted a sustainable and relatively cheap fuel source — willow shrubs — that could help cut demand on the state's forests.

With a nine-acre patch of the fast-growing willows, the college is conducting a biomass energy experiment that seeks to answer the question: What if wood chip-burning heat systems lead to the deforestation of Vermont?

Willows, which grow faster than other trees and branch out when pruned, may be the answer — and may be a resource for other cold-weather states, too. So, Jack Byrne, director of sustainability for the college, and business services director Tom Corbin have turned into farmers of sorts, planting tightly packed rows of willows in a field west of Middlebury's campus.

TOBY TALBOT/AP

Middlebury College business services director Tom Corbin is seen in a patch of willows in Middlebury, Vt. The school is experimenting with using willows for fuel.

The question of biomass fuel supply has taken on new urgency for the college since last winter, when the school opened a new boiler system. The system runs on a "gasifier," heating wood chips and extracting carbon monoxide and other gases that are then burned in the boiler.

The concern is that if other institutions follow Middlebury's lead and begin relying on forests for fuel, Vermont's wooded hillsides could end up being depleted.

Tim Volk, a research scientist at the State University of New York in Syracuse, sees a trend developing in willow fuel being used along with traditional wood harvest.

"It's something that's going to start happening fairly quickly in the next few years," he said. "People can start up a small-scale heating system with biomass, using a mixture of willows and low-value wood harvested from natural forests." DAVE GRAM (AP)

Priest Claims He Did Not Kill Nun

COLUMBUS, OHIO | A Roman Catholic priest imprisoned for killing a nun 29 years ago told a newspaper that he is not guilty, but a prosecutor and the victim's nephew wondered why he is only making the claim now.

The Rev. Gerald Robinson, now 71, was convicted in 2006 for killing Sister Margaret Ann Pahl in 1980 by strangling her and stabbing her 31 times in a Toledo hospital chapel. "I didn't do this," Robinson told the Columbus Dispatch. "I have no idea why anyone would do it." (AP)

HEARSAY | MEDIA

"This is a White House engaging in its own version of the media enemies list. And it's unhelpful for the country."

—KARL ROVE, COMPARING THE OBAMA ADMINISTRATION'S EFFORTS TO DISCREDIT FOX NEWS WITH PRESIDENT RICHARD NIXON'S "ENEMIES LIST" OF JOURNALISTS.

PRANKS **'V' Is for 'Very Creepy'** Authorities say an 18-year-old man faces a charge of disorderly conduct for donning a mask like in the movie "V for Vendetta" to terrorize residents of Ayer, Mass. The Sentinel and Enterprise of Fitchburg reported Friday that the sightings began Sept. 30 when a group of teenagers began wearing the masks to scare one another. Police say one teen got carried away and began peering into residents' windows. Police said the suspect will face a charge of disorderly conduct. (AP)

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White House: Let The Stimulus Work

Advisers say Obama is open to more help for economy if needed

WASHINGTON | President Obama is considering all options to create jobs, including another stimulus package, while trying to pull the economy out of the recession and deal with a record deficit, White House advisers said Sunday.

With more than half of the $787 billion recovery package yet to be spent, Obama aides said the administration is not ready to commit to additional measures.

"Everything is on the table," senior adviser Valerie Jarrett said.

"You've got this huge national deficit, and we've got to do what we can to bring that down. At the same time, it's important to stimulate the economy," Jarrett said. "Let's wait and see."

Adviser David Axelrod cited progress on reviving the economy, with expectations for growth in the third quarter this year. But he warned that the government should not make the mistake of ending its recovery initiatives too early at the risk of sending the economy back into recession.

Jarrett

"That doesn't mean that we don't look to the mid- and long-term for deficit reduction," Axelrod said. "We have a stimulus program in place, an economic recovery program in place, that is not even 50 percent through. We have to see that through. And we'll see what other measures we need to take."

DOUGLASS K. DANIEL (AP)

NEW YORK CITY | WITCH TRIAL

TIMOTHY A. CLARY/AFP/GETTY IMAGES

QUITE A FRIGHT: Petey, a Yorkshire terrier dressed as the witch from "Wicked," is seen Sunday during the Times Square Dog Day Masquerade, an annual costume contest for canines that is hosted by the Times Square Alliance.

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A billboard of Adolf Hitler was covered up on Sunday in Pattaya, Thailand.

BANGKOK

Museum Covers Hitler Ad

A highway billboard using a saluting Adolf Hitler to advertise a Thai wax museum has been covered up after complaints from the Israeli and German ambassadors, the museum said Sunday. "We did not mean to cause any offense," said Somporn Naksuetrong, the manager of the Louis Tussaud's Waxworks in Pattaya. The billboard, which in Thai read, "Hitler is not dead," was up for weeks. (AP)

MANILA, PHILIPPINES

Typhoon Threatens North

Philippine disaster response agencies prepared a massive evacuation plan in the mountainous north Sunday as another typhoon threatened the country after back-to-back storms killed more than 800 people. Typhoon Lupit, roaring over the Pacific Ocean, could slam into the north in three days, chief weather forecaster Prisco Nilo said. (AP)

KHARTOUM, SUDAN

Foreign Aid Workers Freed By Captors After Months

Two foreign aid workers seized at gunpoint more than three months ago in Sudan's Darfur region were released Sunday by their captors in the third — and longest — kidnapping of aid workers in the arid region. The Irish and Ugandan women were in good health. The Irish Department of Foreign Affairs declined to describe the deal that won the women's release. (AP)

Suicide Attacker Kills 42 in Iran

Five Revolutionary Guard leaders among victims of bombing

TEHRAN, IRAN | A suicide bomber killed five senior commanders of the powerful Revolutionary Guard and at least 37 others Sunday near the Pakistani border in the heartland of a potentially escalating Sunni insurgency.

The attack — which also left dozens wounded — was the most high-profile strike against security forces in an outlaw region of armed tribal groups, drug smugglers and Sunni rebels known as Jundallah, or Soldiers of God.

President Mahmoud Ahmadinejad promised sharp retaliation. But a sweeping offensive by authorities is unlikely.

Iranian officials have been reluctant to open full-scale military operations in the southeastern border zone, fearing it could become a hot spot for sectarian violence with the potential to draw in al-Qaeda and Sunni militants from Pakistan and Afghanistan.

The region's top prosecutor, Mohammad Marzieh, was quoted by the semi-official ISNA news agency as saying Jundallah claimed responsibility for the blast in the Pishin district.

AFP/GETTY IMAGES

A TV screen grab shows a person who was injured in a blast in Pishin, Iran.

There was no immediate statement directly from the group, which has carried out sporadic attacks in recent years to press their claims of persecution in the Shiite government.

In May, Jundallah said it sent a suicide bomber into a Shiite mosque in the southeastern city of Zahedan, killing 25 worshippers. The latest attack, however, would mark the group's highest-level target.

On the eve of talks about Tehran's nuclear program, Washington was quick to react. State Department spokesman Ian Kelly said the U.S. condemned what he called an "act of terrorism." Reports of alleged U.S. involvement are "completely false," he said. (AP)

ISHTIAQ MAHSUD/AP

A family who fled Pakistan's offensive in South Waziristan waits at a checkpoint in Dera Ismail Khan, Pakistan, on Sunday.

Pakistan Expands Fight vs. Taliban

Militants warn army will fail in offensive near Afghan border

DERA ISMAIL KHAN, PAKISTAN | Pakistani troops and the Taliban fought fierce battles Sunday in a militant sanctuary near the Afghan border, with both sides claiming early victories in an army campaign that could shape the future of the country's battle against extremism.

A Taliban spokesman vowed the Islamist militants would fight to "our last drop of blood" to defend their stronghold of South Waziristan, predicting the army would fail in its latest attempt to gain control over it.

The army said 60 militants and six soldiers had been killed since the offensive began Saturday in the mountainous, remote region that the army has tried and failed to wrest from near-total insurgent control three times since 2004.

The Taliban claimed to have inflicted "heavy casualties" and pushed advancing soldiers back into their bases. It was not possible to independently verify the claims because the army is blocking access to the battlefield and surrounding towns.

> **"This is a war imposed on us, and we will defend our land until our last man and our last drop of blood."**
>
> —AZAM TARIQ
> TALIBAN SPOKESMAN

Victory for the government in South Waziristan's tribal badlands would eliminate a safe haven for the Taliban militants blamed for surging terrorist attacks and the al-Qaeda operatives they shelter there. It would also signal to other insurgent groups that the military is able to fight them.

Defeat would give the militants a propaganda victory, add to pressures on the country's shaky civilian government and alarm Pakistan's Western allies, which want to see it successfully crack down on militancy that is both fueling and feeding off the insurgency in Afghanistan. ISHTIAQ MAHSUD (AP)

World

FELIPE DANA/AP

Police inspect packages containing drugs seized in a slum in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, on Sunday. Drug-gang violence killed at least 14 people over the weekend.

Rio Gang Violence Raises Concerns

Officials vow to boost security for Olympics after clashes kill 14

RIO DE JANEIRO | Brazilian officials are insisting security won't be a problem for the 2016 Olympics despite drug-gang violence that plunged Rio de Janeiro into a day of bloody chaos just two weeks after it was picked to host the games.

An hours-long firefight between rival gangs in one of the city's slums killed at least 12 people, injured six and saw a police helicopter shot down and eight buses set on fire Saturday.

Police said Sunday that they killed two other suspected drug traffickers in overnight clashes near the Morro dos Macacos ("Monkey Hill") slum where the gangs fought for territory a day earlier, but otherwise the area was largely peaceful as 2,000 officers were put on patrol.

Two officers died and four were injured Saturday when bullets from the battle ripped into a helicopter hovering overhead, forcing it into a fiery crash on a soccer field. Officials said they did not know whether the gangs targeted the helicopter or whether it was hit by stray bullets.

Gunfire on the ground killed 10 suspected gunmen and wounded two bystanders.

Rio state public safety director Jose Beltrame told reporters Sunday that the violence was limited to a specific area of the city of 6 million and "is not a problem throughout all of Rio de Janeiro."

FLORA CHARNER (AP)

Blast Near Baghdad Cafe Kills Five

BAGHDAD | A bomb attached to a motorcycle exploded on Sunday near a popular cafe in a largely Sunni district of Baghdad, killing five people, Iraqi police said.

The blast in Baghdad's Azamiyah district also injured 16 civilians, an officer at the al-Risafa police station said. Officials at two hospitals that received the wounded said most of the injured were young men. The policeman and hospital officials spoke on condition of anonymity. (AP)

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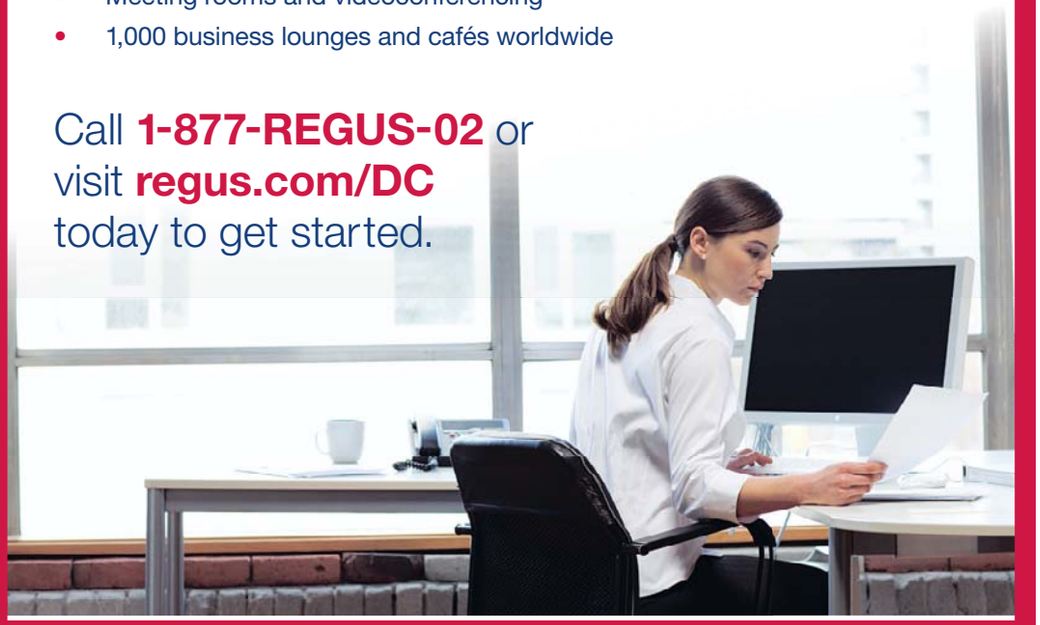

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Teenager Charts a Global Course

Australian's attempt to sail solo around the world triggers debate

SYDNEY | A 16-year-old Australian steered her bright pink yacht out of Sydney Harbor on Sunday to start her bid to become the youngest person to sail solo and unassisted around the world.

Jessica Watson's plan to make a 23,600-mile journey through some of the world's most treacherous waters sparked a debate in Australia about whether someone so young should be allowed to try such a potentially dangerous feat.

Watson and her family insist she is an experienced and capable sailor who has studied navigation, electronics and maritime safety procedures. Although she will sail unassisted, she will be in constant contact with her support team via radio, e-mail and a blog.

The teenager did not speak with reporters before she left, and it was her mom who first updated the Internet diary on Sunday.

"I know you are all anxious to hear from Jess, but she's a little preoccupied on her first day, so she asked me to post a quick note to let everyone know that the departure went well this morning," Julie Watson wrote on the blog.

BRENDON THORNE/GETTY IMAGES

Jessica Watson, 16, sails out of the harbor in Sydney, Australia, Sunday.

Watson sailed her pink, 34-foot yacht out of Sydney amid slightly choppy conditions.

Watson's plans suffered several setbacks before she finally left. Last month, her yacht collided with a cargo ship as she sailed toward Sydney to make final preparations — an accident that triggered calls for her to abandon the attempt. Strong winds in Sydney delayed her planned departure last week.

The first leg of Watson's journey will take her past northern New Zealand, then Fiji and Samoa. In a trip expected to last about eight months, she plans to pass around the southern tips of Africa and South America. ROHAN SULLIVAN (AP)

Botswana's Ruling Party Wins Vote

GABORONE, BOTSWANA | Botswana's governing party, which has been in power for more than four decades, once again swept parliamentary elections that regional observers deemed free and fair, the country's independent electoral commission said Sunday.

The overwhelming legislative majority cleared the way for President Seretse Ian Khama to continue as leader of the world's largest diamond-producing country.

The commission announced Sunday that the Botswana Democratic Party had won 45 out of the 57 parliamentary seats in Friday's vote, a peaceful election all but eclipsed by violence elsewhere in Africa. (AP)

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Local

Gallaudet Taps New President

Gallaudet University trustees Sunday named T. Alan Hurwitz, president of National Technical Institute for the Deaf, as their new president.

The ceremony and selection process were free of the tumult that divided Gallaudet three years ago, when students protested the selection of a controversial administrator as president. After I. King Jordan, a popular president, departed in 2006, students rebelled against the selection of Jane K. Fernandes, Jordan's provost, as his successor.

Hurwitz

They took over the administration building, then barricaded the gates to the school. Police arrested more than 100 students. The trustees rescinded Fernandes' appointment and installed Robert Davila.

DANIEL DE VISE (THE WASHINGTON POST)

D.C.'s AIDS Money Failure

City has paid millions to battle disease, has little to show for effort

In a city ravaged by the highest rate of AIDS cases in the nation, the D.C. Health Department paid millions to nonprofit groups that delivered substandard services or failed to account for any work at all, even as sick people searched for care or died waiting.

More than $1 million in AIDS money went to a housing group whose ailing boarders sometimes struggled without electricity, gas or food. A supervisor said she was ordered to create records for ghost employees.

About $400,000 was paid to a nonprofit organization — launched by a man who once ran one of the District's largest cocaine rings — for a promised job-training center that has never opened.

More than $500,000 was earmarked for a housing program whose executive director had a string of convictions for theft, drugs and forgery. After the D.C. Inspector General's Office could find no evidence that he was operating an AIDS nonprofit group, the city terminated the grant but never sought repayment.

All told, the Health Department's HIV/AIDS Administration awarded more than $25 million from 2004 to 2008 to nonprofit agencies marked by questionable spending, a lack of clients or lapses in record-keeping and care, a 10-month Washington Post investigation found.

Many of the groups have since closed or are no longer providing AIDS services.

DEBBIE CENZIPER (THE WASHINGTON POST)

JAHI CHIKWENDIU/TWP

Cameron Cochran, left, looks after Eunice Minor (who later died) at Joseph's House, an AIDS hospice in D.C., on Sept. 23. The facility has seen a decline in city funding.

Wasting Away: A documentary follows two D.C. residents living with HIV/AIDS as they navigate the health system | **washingtonpost.com/metro**

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All winning numbers are official only when validated at a lottery ticket location or a lottery claims office. Drawings that occur after Express's deadline will be published two days later.

Study: Beltway's Deadliest Stretch Is in Pr. George's

WASHINGTON | New statistics show that the portion of the Capital Beltway in Prince George's County is by far the deadliest section of the roadway, according to the National Highway Transportation Safety Administration.

Forty-two people were killed in crashes between 2006 and 2008 between the Virginia border and where I-95 splits off toward Baltimore. During the same period, 18 died on the rest of the highway. (AP)

MUSEUMS **No Charge for Parking** Garages usually aren't the most attractive buildings in a city, but they are the subject of a new exhibit at the National Building Museum in Washington. The exhibit, "House of Cars: Innovation and the Parking Garage," opened Saturday and is on view until July 2010. Curators say parking garages are more than just concrete decks: They have been showcases for innovation and at times served as platforms for the best-known architects of the 20th century. (AP)

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Post Backs Deeds in Va.

Democratic candidate for governor receives paper's support again

RICHMOND, VA. | For the second time in five months, The Washington Post has endorsed Democrat Creigh Deeds' campaign for governor.

The editorial appeared on The Post's Web site Saturday evening. It lauds Deeds' courage for his willingness to boost taxes for transportation improvements.

STEVE HELBER/AP

The Washington Post endorsed Deeds during the Democratic primary, too.

It says Republican candidate Bob McDonnell offers "a blizzard of bogus, unworkable, chimerical proposals that crumble on contact with reality."

The paper notes McDonnell's 1989 graduate thesis critical of working women and gays. It says McDonnell "staked out the intolerant terrain on his party's right wing."

The Post also broke the thesis story.

The newspaper's May endorsement helped Deeds defeat two rivals in June's Democratic primary. BOB LEWIS (AP)

45 **THE HIGH TEMPERATURE** recorded at Reagan National Airport Friday, the coldest Oct. 16 since the National Weather Service began keeping track here 138 years ago, the weather service said. The previous record had been on Oct. 16, 1940, when the temp didn't exceed 51 degrees. (AP)

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And Now, It's Payback Time

With student loans coming due, recent college grads should consider their options

NEW YORK | You have a $120,000 college degree and no job, but that won't stop your student loan bills from arriving.

The six-month grace period on student loans for the class of 2009 is about to expire, meaning graduates will soon start getting their monthly statements. It could be a problem for those who have yet to find full-time work.

One option for anyone in a financial squeeze is deferment or forbearance, which allow for the postponement of payment.

MATT ROURKE/AP FILE

Recent college graduates will have to start paying back their student loans soon.

Who's Eligible?

A deferment or forbearance is a period when payments on a loan are not required, although interest generally continues accruing.

Federal student loans can be deferred if you enroll in graduate school or the military. But you can also get a deferment for unemployment or economic hardship. To qualify for the latter, you can't earn more than $16,245 per year in the continental United States.

If you don't qualify for a deferment, you might still be able to postpone payments if you're dealing with health issues or other circumstances. The government calls this a forbearance. With private loans, the lender has the discretion about whether to grant forbearance.

How Long Will It Last?

Economic hardship deferments are granted one year at a time, and unemployment deferments are granted in six-month increments. You can reapply as needed for a total of three years each.

Expect less leniency with forbearance on private loans. Sallie Mae grants them in one- to three-month increments, typically for no more than a total of two years.

What if I Ignore Bills?

The benefit of getting a deferment or forbearance is that your loan remains in good standing. Otherwise, federal loans usually go into default if you don't make payments for nine months. Sallie Mae says its private loans typically go into default after seven months. Either way, a default sets off a chain of damaging repercussions.

It's a black mark on your credit report, meaning it will be difficult for you to get any type of loan. Your loan might be turned over to a collection agency, and your wages could be garnished.

Student loans typically aren't discharged with a bankruptcy, either. And once the loan is in default, you can't get a deferment or forbearance. So, don't let it reach that point. CANDICE CHOI (AP)

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INVESTING

Gold's image may be changing as its price settles at more than $1,000 per ounce. Should investors consider buying it now, or is it another bubble that's about to burst?

1 Aren't gold prices likely to decline again as the economy picks up steam? As with stock prices, there's no consensus about where gold is headed. Some gold watchers predict a price of $2,000 or higher within the next few years. Others say investing in gold is excessively risky. Because of its volatility, it might be prudent for a conservative investor to limit exposure to gold to 5 percent of a portfolio.

2 Are there other metals besides gold that I should be looking at as an investment? Like gold, silver is a stable investment alternative to the falling dollar. Unlike gold, there's a lot of it, so it's pretty cheap, at just under $18 per ounce. That may make it more appealing to the investor with limited funds. Platinum also is poised to take off if car sales recover. It is more expensive than gold per ounce, however, with prices topping $1,300. (AP)

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Money

Living in It for the Long Haul

Buying a new home is a risk worth taking if you plan to stay put for 10 years or more

CHICAGO | For all the doom and gloom about the housing market, it still generally pays to own a home.

That might be a tough case to make right now to the 16 million people who owe more on their mortgage than their house is worth. But history suggests the American dream is a pretty safe bet.

Homes have appreciated by an average of 4 percent per year since World War II. They act as hedges against inflation and bestow significant tax benefits. Real estate is a leveraged investment; a 10 percent down payment produces a 1,000 percent return if the price of a home merely doubles.

Plus, there are intangibles: Owning a home provides a sense of independence, security and community. And you get to live in your investment; you can't do that with a stock.

Of course, historical trends don't pay the mortgage. People who wade in and out of the housing market too often, or who buy at the wrong time or price and need to sell quickly, can get burned.

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Many booms and busts have occurred in the housing market since World War II.

But if you own for a decade or more, price appreciation usually overcomes even bad slumps.

Tony and Liz Iacobelli, who are far under water on the home they bought in the Phoenix suburb of Buckeye three years ago, aren't panicking. They owe about $177,000 on their mortgage on a house worth only $132,000, which is about 40 percent of what they paid.

"Houses generally go up in price, and this one will again, too," said Tony Iacobelli, 51.

Several booms and busts have occurred in the modern era of housing, which began when 30-year loans became widely available after World War II.

The collapse of the housing market may have put an end to the notion of using a home as a speculative investment akin to a hot stock. And that may not be a bad thing, economists say.

"People should recognize that value comes from a lot of other things besides a possible return on the investment," says Joel Naroff, chief economist at Naroff Economic Advisors.

Robert Shiller, a Yale University economist, says he expects home prices to be roughly flat for five years. Yet housing has proved a good investment if you stick with it. And with prices having fallen so far, buying now could make it an even better one. (AP)

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Redskins QB Switch Changes Little

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Campbell is benched for Collins, but team doesn't find end zone

REDSKINS | A dreary game between two dreary teams on a dreary day produced two simple truths: The Kansas City Chiefs won't go 0-16, and the Washington Redskins can't get in the end zone regardless of who is playing quarterback.

Ryan Succop's four field goals, including the go-ahead 46-yarder with 3:36 to play, plus a last-minute safety were all the Chiefs needed to beat the Redskins 14-6 Sunday. They earned rookie coach Todd Haley his first win and Jim Zorn another week of extreme questioning about the future of his job and the Washington franchise.

The Chiefs (1-5) had lost 28 of their last 30 and hadn't won since last November. The win avoided the first 0-6 start in team history. The Chiefs followed the path paved by the Detroit Lions and Carolina Panthers, who also ended winless streaks against the Redskins (2-4) this year. Once again, Washington was booed off the field, the only life all afternoon coming when Zorn benched quarterback Jason Campbell at halftime and replaced him with Todd Collins.

Collins immediately led two drives for field goals that gave Washington a 6-3 lead, but the Redskins failed to score a touchdown at home for the second time this season.

"I felt the need to create a spark on our football team offensively and went with Todd," said Zorn, whose postgame news conference was punctuated with frequent, deep sighs. "I think the guys responded well. We kept our spark, at times, and then we refizzled."

Nobody was expecting a classic, and it sure wasn't one. There were 15 punts, including one that was blocked. Cassel was sacked five times. Clinton Portis had a career-long 78-yard run, but the Redskins had only 30 yards rushing otherwise. The teams combined to convert only six of 31 third downs. Washington had just seven first downs. Two of the Chiefs' scoring drives were aided by personal foul penalties

The Redskins already had embarrassing losses to Detroit and Carolina. They are 2-4 despite being the first team in NFL history to open the season with six-straight games against winless opponents. The questions about Zorn's job security and the overall future of the franchise will only intensify as the schedule gets tougher.

"When you lose to teams that you know you should beat, when teams that hadn't won a game come in and beat us, it just makes it tough," defensive end Phillip Daniels said inside a quiet and sparsely populated locker room. "Everybody's looking at us as a win right now, and until we change things and turn that around, they're going to continue to look at us that way." (AP)

TONI L. SANDYS/TWP

Mike Sellers, left, corrals a fumble by Redskins QB Todd Collins (15) after a sack. Collins replaced Jason Campbell at halftime.

WIN MCNAMEE/GETTY IMAGES

DOWN TIME: Redskins head coach Jim Zorn walks off the field after Sunday's loss to the Chiefs. The Redskins have lost four games to previously winless teams this year.

> "Everybody's looking at us as a win right now, and until we change things ... they're going to continue to look at us that way."
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> REDSKINS DE PHILLIP DANIELS

Report CARD

BEST CALL: Zorn decided he wasn't going to let Jason Campbell alone get him fired. He put Todd Collins in to start the second half. Collins promptly answered with a 42-yard strike to Santana Moss.

WORST CALL: With six seconds left in the first half, instead of throwing a quick pass and trying a long field goal, the Redskins went for the end zone. Campbell threw a pick.

WORST ADJUSTMENT: Even with Collins in, the play-calling did not inspire confidence — calling into question the purpose for the switch.

F Another loss to another winless team — this time at home. Heads will roll.

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Chiefs	0	3	3	8	14	16	110	186	17/32	0	4/30	37:10
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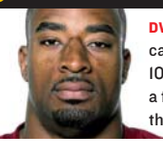

ANDRE CARTER led the Redskins' defense with seven tackles and two sacks.

DWAYNE BOWE caught six passes for 109 yards, including a fourth-quarter grab that sealed the win.

Sports

A Favre-lous Ending in Minnesota

Star QB makes big throw late as Vikings survive the Ravens

RAVENS | In Favre they trust.

Brett Favre's 58-yard completion to Sidney Rice set up Ryan Longwell's fourth field goal, and Baltimore's Steve Hauschka missed a 44-yard field goal at the final whistle, allowing the Minnesota Vikings to remain undefeated with a 33-31 victory on Sunday.

Favre threw for 278 yards and three touchdowns, but the Vikings (6-0) nearly blew this one when they let the Ravens erase a 17-point deficit with 10 minutes to play.

Joe Flacco threw for 385 yards and two scores for the Ravens (3-3), who scored twice on drives that totaled just 56 seconds to take a 31-30 lead with 3:37 to play.

But Hauschka pushed his field goal wide left, handing the Ravens the loss.

This was billed as the first true test of the season for the Vikings, who came in having beaten five teams with a combined record of 7-17. When Favre was given his test paper, his 40-year-old arm aced it.

The Ravens have now lost three straight after a 3-0 start. (AP)

TOM OLMSCHEID/AP

Vikings defensive end Jared Allen, top, sacks Ravens quarterback Joe Flacco on Sunday. Minnesota handed Baltimore its third-straight loss in the 33-31 game.

Bengals' Streak Halted by Texans

NFL | Matt Schaub tied his career high with four TD passes — two to tight end Owen Daniels — and Houston pulled away for a 28-17 victory, denying Cincinnati another chance to win one at the end.

The Bengals (4-2) had won three-straight in the final seconds, pulling off one improbable drive after another because an opponent failed to finish them off. (AP)

TODAY'S TV LINEUP

MLB PLAYOFFS (4 P.M. ON FOX, 8 P.M. ON TBS) The Angels try to rebound from an 0-2 hole against the Yankees in the ALCS, followed by game 4 of the Phillies-Dodgers NLCS.

FOOTBALL (8:30 P.M. ON ESPN) Can the Broncos stay undefeated when playing the Chargers?

HOCKEY (7 P.M. ON VERSUS) San Jose visits the New York Rangers.

39 **THE NUMBER OF** first-place votes Alabama received in The Associated Press' new college football poll on Sunday. The Crimson Tide jumped ahead of unbeaten Florida to capture the top spot in the poll after a convincing victory over South Carolina. But the Gators, who received the other 20 first-place votes, are ranked first in the year's first BCS rankings. Rounding out the top five in the AP poll are Texas, USC and Cincinnati. (AP)

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Sports

A Big, Easy Win for Saints

48 | 27

Rude homecoming for Eli Manning as Brees steals the show

NFL | Eli Manning returned to his hometown only to see Drew Brees torch the New York Giants' league-leading defense.

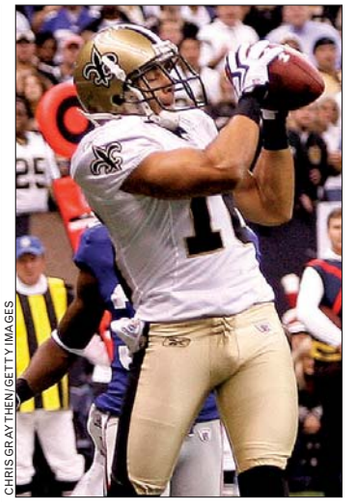
Brees ended his two-game streak without a touchdown pass by completing 23 of 30 passes for 369 yards and four scores Sunday, and New Orleans remained unbeaten, 48-27.

The Giants (5-1) came into the game giving up averages of 210.6 yards and 14.2 points. The Saints (5-0) had 34 points and 315 yards by halftime as Brees threw three TD passes to reach 100 since the Saints signed him as a free agent in 2006.

Manning looked like his father, Archie Manning, sometimes did when he played for the Saints, fumbling on a sack and throwing an interception under pressure when Ahmad Bradshaw missed a block.

It was Manning's first game in the Louisiana Superdome, but not a memorable one as he went 14 of 31 for 178 yards. He lost his cool at least once, yelling at Bradshaw and slapping his shoulder pad after the running back's lapse in protection precipitated a rushed throw that Jabari Greer intercepted early in the third quarter, stalling a promising drive.

By the end, jubilant fans rained down thunderous chants of, "Who dat say they gonna beat them Saints? Who dat, who dat?" (AP)



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Wide receiver Lance Moore hauls in a touchdown in the Saints' win Sunday.

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Chiefs 14,	Redskins 6
Steelers 27,	Browns 14
Jaguars 23,	Rams 20 (OT)
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Cardinals 27,	Seahawks 3
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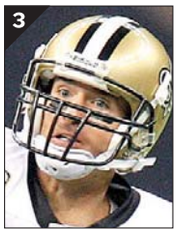

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1 Houston QB **Matt Schaub** threw for 392 yards and four scores as the Texans downed the Bengals. **2.** After complaining about the offense this week, Jaguars RB **Maurice Jones-Drew** rushed for 133 yards and three TDs in a win over the Rams. **3.** The bye week didn't slow down Saints QB **Drew Brees**, as he picked apart the Giants for 369 yards and four scores. **4.** RB **DeAngelo Williams** rushed for 152 yards and two touchdowns in the Panthers' victory over the Bucs.

UConn Football Player Slain in Brutal Stabbing

STORRS, CONN. | A University of Connecticut football player was stabbed to death early Sunday after an on-campus dance, hours after the team's victory over Louisville.

Jasper Howard, 20, of Miami, a junior and starting cornerback, and a second person were stabbed during a fight after someone pulled a fire alarm during a dance at the UConn Student Union, police said. UConn coach Randy Edsall said Howard was going to be a father.

When asked whether authorities had a suspect in the stabbings, Major Ronald Blicher of the UConn Police said, "We're actively following investigative leads." (AP)

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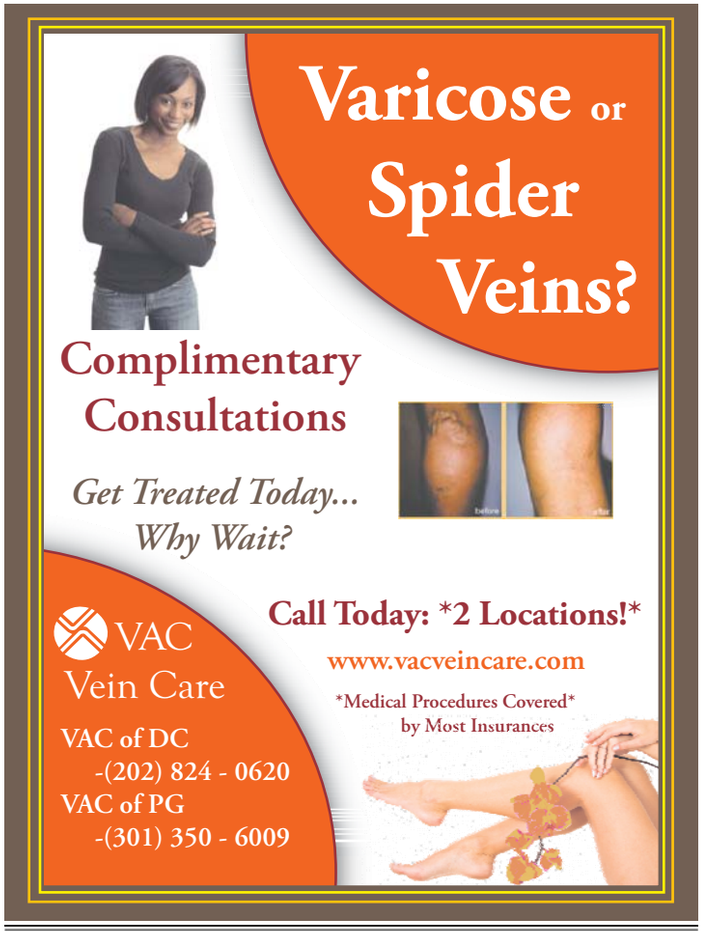

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Sports

Angels Seek Sun, Refuge

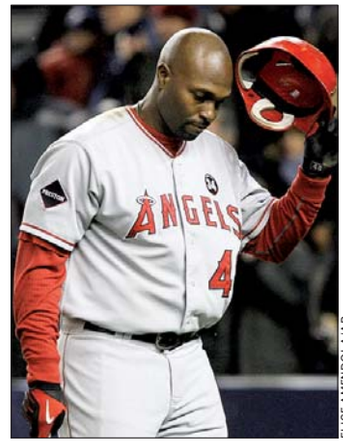
Club tries to regroup after disastrous start to series in New York

MLB PLAYOFFS | Maicer Izturis' throw zipped by second base, the ball careening out of control like a wet bar of soap, and headed toward somewhere near third. Chone Figgins fumbled it as the winning run was scored.

4 P.M. | FOX
Monday
ALCS

That's typical for the Los Angeles Angels in this AL championship series gone awry.

Something was fundamentally wrong on this trip to New York for this fundamentally sound team.


ELISE AMENDOLA/AP

Torri Hunter and the Angels are going back to Los Angeles with hat in hand.

Now the Angels are down two games in the best-of-seven AL championship series after Saturday night's excruciating 4-3, 13-inning loss.

Another night, another defeat — six in a row in the ALCS.

Los Angeles went 3 for 15 with runners in scoring position. The Angels stranded 16 — count 'em: 16 runners. A team that made just 85 errors during the regular season made five in two games.

But at least for the next three games — if it gets that far — no more chilled nights with ski hats, hoodies and gloves more suited to slopes than shortstop. Instead of bundling up in midtown Manhattan, heading out of the hotel and boarding the bus, put on the flip-flops, get in the convertible and hit the road for the drive to the Big A.

"We've got a six-hour plane ride to regroup," Angels closer Brian Fuentes said.

At least it should be dry. (AP)

Late Baseball: Sunday's game 3 of the NLCS between the Phillies and Dodgers ended after deadline. For a recap | **washingtonpost.com/sports**

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The Quest for Balance

Paula Cole walks the fine the line between having a music career and having a real life

RETURN | Paula Cole is not just a singer known for the "Dawson's Creek" theme song, "I Don't Want to Wait," or her 1997 Grammy-nominated tune, "Where Have All the Cowboys Gone."

She is a class mom, a nature lover, still a friend to her schoolmates and a woman with a few regrets. "It's healthy to do a few different things and be a little more well-rounded," Cole says from her home town in Rockport, Mass., where she returned with her daughter after a divorce.

> "I'm ... a shade-loving plant by nature. Being in the spotlight was ... uncomfortable ... for me, for starters."

That's the way she feels now, but in the 1990s, music was who she was.

"When I was young," she says, "I was really willing to have [my career] be 24-7."

Cole, 41, sang before she could talk. A self-described "high achiever with a touch of depression," she attended the Berklee College of Music in Boston.

In 1993, Peter Gabriel left a message on her answering machine. Sinead O'Connor, his backup singer, had left his Secret World Tour. Did Cole want to fill in? Cole jumped on a plane to Germany, had one rehearsal and was thrown in front of a crowd of 60,000. That was her first big tour.

"I was terrified," she said, but "ready for it."

Cole released her first album, "Harbinger," in 1994; "This Fire," her breakout album, in 1996, showcased her emotive, strong soprano. In 1998, she received seven Grammy nominations. Her album "Amen" followed in 1999.

But after touring and arriving home to an empty New York apartment, estranged from family and friends, Cole decided to reassess her life.

Cole now calls what she subsequently did "reactive": She became a wife and mother. Her daughter, Sky, now 7, was born with severe asthma, requiring Cole's full attention.

"I think I'm more of a shade-loving plant by nature," she says. "Being in the spotlight was an uncomfortable place for me, for starters."

But she returned to her fans in 2007 with the release of "Courage." Next summer Cole hopes to release "Ithaca." She knows that a new album will require promoting, touring and being away from her partner and daughter. But she also knows that she "needs to be in music. That's what I'm meant to do." MOIRA E. MCLAUGHLIN (THE WASHINGTON POST)

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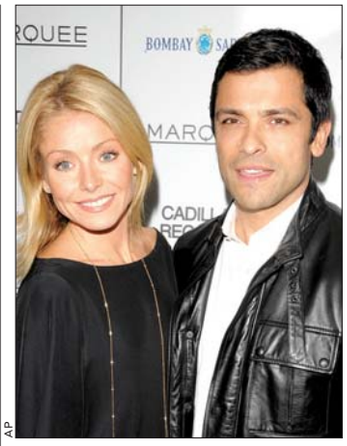
QUIET RETURN: After a long hiatus, Cole is easing her way back into the music scene. She released an album in 2007 and hopes to put out "Ithaca" next summer.



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The Couple That Acts Together

Kelly Ripa and her hubby will return to 'All My Children'

MARRIAGE | Actress and TV personality Kelly Ripa and her husband, Mark Consuelos, will return to ABC's "All My Children" for the daytime soap opera's 40th anniversary.

Brian Frons, president of ABC's daytime unit, made the announcement Friday. "All My Children" will celebrate its anniversary on Jan. 5, 2010.

Ripa and Consuelos' episodes will air Jan. 4 and 5. It will be the first time either actor has appeared on "All My Children" since they left the show in 2002.

Ripa is now co-host of the morning talk show "Live With Regis and Kelly."

Ripa says "Live With Regis and Kelly" will air behind-the-scenes footage next month of the couple's return to Pine Valley. (AP)

BOX OFFICE **Into the Wild** Movie fans are eagerly making the journey to "Where the Wild Things Are." The live-action adaptation of Maurice Sendak's picture book led the box office with a $32.5 million opening weekend. "Where the Wild Things Are" was followed by Jamie Foxx and Gerard Butler's vengeance thriller "Law Abiding Citizen," which debuted with $21.3 million. Expanding into wider release, the low-budget horror sensation "Paranormal Activity" moved up to No. 3 with $20.2 million. (AP)

Get Knocked Down, Get Up

Japandroids defy a serious illness and music industry woes to make it as artists

BAND | After more than two years toiling away as an independent band in Vancouver, Japandroids was finally ready go for broke. Guitarist Brian King quit his full-time job, moved out of his house, put his possessions in storage and was ready to embark on the band's biggest tour yet.

Three days in, King had to be rushed to the hospital because of a perforated ulcer, leaving the band sidelined for weeks.

But rather then dwell on it, King focused on recovery, which is inspiring, considering the garage-rock duo's brief history. Japandroids were DIY from the start — with King and drummer Dave Prowse acting as booking agent, management, promotional team and record label.

After starting the band in 2006, Japandroids hit Vancouver hard in 2007 and 2008, playing as many shows as possible and putting out two self-released EPs. But by the end of 2008, the lack of interest from any sort of major or minor player in the record industry was downright discouraging.

So, after recording Japandroids' first full-length album, "Post-Nothing," King and Prowse had agreed to call it quits.

But then, Unfamiliar Records, a small Canadian label, came calling. "I had already sent the record to get pressed, so I had to literally call them and say, 'Stop the presses!' as stupid as that sounds," King said.

So "Post-Nothing," which was released in the U.S. in April, gave the Japandroids their first shot at the touring life King and Prowse craved. On top of it, the band was getting good press and blog buzz.

"Maybe that was a bit premature to go out in the summer," King admits now. "I was struggling on tour to play hard every night and be healthy and not be in pain, but by this tour I'm doing really well — not quite 100 percent, but almost back to normal."

And the band can also focus on getting back to its earnest noise rock, with a tongue-in-cheek twist. "Post-Nothing" is named as such as a bit of a joke to band biographies in press releases. King was working on a bio for the band and didn't want to fall into PR traps.

"I couldn't write something that was serious," said King. "I ended up writing that our music was post-nothing and that we steal a little bit [of] something from all these bands."

"Post-Nothing's" centerpiece is the five-minute "Young Hearts Spark Fire," where King sings: "We used to dream/Now we worry about dying." Those lines come with a bit of twisted irony now, after King's surgery.

"A lot of people have actually commented on that, and it's pretty weird, actually," he said, on being asked whether the song now feels like life imitating art. "I don't know if we would call what we do art, but life imitating noise, that's for sure."

RUDI GREENBERG (EXPRESS)

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Guitarist Brian King and drummer Dave Prowse are Japandroids.

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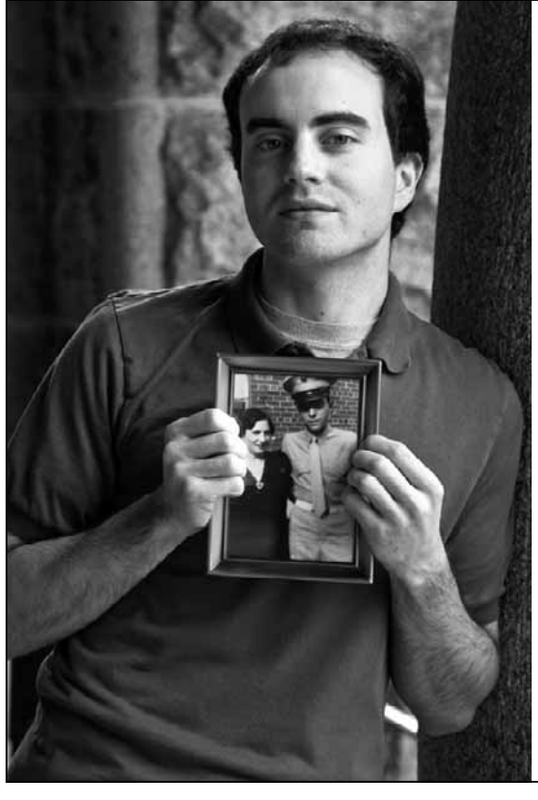

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A Bearded Beauty

Salma Hayek stars as a sideshow act in love with a vampire in 'Cirque du Freak'

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Salma Hayek plays a lovely woman who can grow a beard at a moment's notice.

BLOODSUCKERS | Salma Hayek is no stranger to vampire movies. She played a vampire stripper in the 1996 thriller "From Dusk Till Dawn." She consorted with cannibals in 2001's "Hotel." She now stars in the fantasy-adventure "Cirque du Freak: The Vampire's Assistant," in which she plays a mortal sideshow "freak" in love with a vampire.

The Academy Award-nominated actress insists she has no particular fascination with vampires or vampire movies; it's simply a coincidence. What attracted her to this latest project had more to do with her desire to play an outsider than to be part of another horror movie.

As Madame Truska, she is the featured attraction at the Cirque du Freak, a traveling troupe of oddballs and outcasts. Though remarkably beautiful, Madame can mysteriously grow a beard at a moment's notice and therefore is shunned by polite society. John C. Reilly co-stars as Larten Crepsley, a 220-year-old vampire who loves her. As with most romantic relationships, they have challenges.

"I actually find the concept of circus freaks a lot more interesting than vampires," the 43-year-old actress says. "Maybe because there have been less movies done about them. I thought the script was quite smart and refreshing, so that's what attracted me to it."

Hayek calls "The Vampire's Assistant" a "dream job" because she appears in only a few scenes.

"I got to spend a lot of time with my child," she says, referring to her 2-year-old daughter, Valentina.

As Madame Truska, Hayek has the ability to see the future, something she reveals she can do in real life.

"Do you know a woman who doesn't have that power a little bit?" she responds when asked about her own psychic ability.

What does she think of her movie's chances of connecting with audiences?

"I think it's going to do really well," she says, "and I think it's going to surprise many people." ANGELA DAWSON (ENTERTAINMENT NEWS WIRE)

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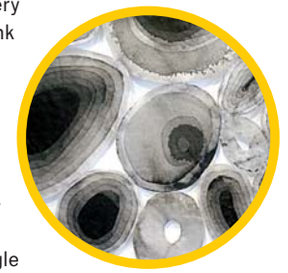
1 Screening Rainbow

As addictions go, film festivals are fairly socially acceptable. And we're ready for another fix — just in time for the Reel Affirmations LGBT film festival. Tonight there's a "Best of the Fest" collection of short films. Or opt for the romantic drama "Redwoods," about a couple torn apart by an unexpected love story. And stay tuned for "Were the World Mine," left, a take on "A Midsummer Night's Dream." F.Z.

➜ *Various locations; through Oct. 24, price varies depending on the program; Reelaffirmations.org.*

2 Calligraphy Tornado

In its latest exhibit, "The Ink Storm," Transformer Gallery turns traditional Chinese ink work on its head via modern video and mixed-media installations. The works, by three emerging Beijing-based artists, cast light on global art, traditional media and the limitless possibilities of a single brush stroke. F.Z.



➜ *Transformer Gallery, 1404 P St. NW; through Oct. 31, free; 202-483-1102, Transformergallery.org. (Dupont Circle)*

3 Real Buzz

Take the moodier, less pop bits of Radiohead and combine them with the dank tribal beauty of '80s U.K. post-punk bands and you get True Womanhood, a D.C. trio that have created a buzz — critically and literally. The band's new two-song digital single, "Magic Child" and "Dignitas," has a humming, haunting quality that should sound epic live. Download the music at Expressnightout.com before you see the show. C.P.

➜ *Black Cat, 1811 14th St. NW; with Grooms, 9 p.m., $10; 202-667-4490; blackcatdc.com. (U St.-Cardozo)*

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lookout television

Torn Asunder

BLOWBACK PRODUCTIONS

New York City's garment district once catered to the middle class — but no more.

An HBO documentary details the decline of the garment district

CLOTHES | A documentary, a call to action and a requiem all at the same time, "Schmatta: Rags to Riches to Rags" (9 p.m., HBO) recalls the rise, decline and fall of New York City's garment district. It presents its subject as an example of the disappearance of the American manufacturing economy and, with it, the American middle class.

"Schmatta" notes that the garment industry thrived by helping immigrants join the middle class and by selling clothes to the middle class. Now, the industry aims at the high-end market and at the highly discountable market.

"Schmatta" mourns not only the loss of a district and an industry, but the loss of the feeling of solidarity among workers, consumers and manufacturers that made the American middle class possible. KEVIN MCDONOUGH (UNITED FEATURE SYNDICATE)

tonight's lineup

WITH GREAT POWER ...
On **HEROES** (8 p.m., NBC), Sylar starts on a path to rediscover his true identity. Meanwhile, Hiro tries to help Emma (guest star Deanne Bray) understand the responsibilities that go with having an ability.

FLOUNDERED OPPORTUNITY
On **ONE TREE HILL** (8 p.m., CW), Nathan's scandal threatens his endorsement deals, forcing Haley to take matters into her own hands.

LOOK AT ME, LOOK AT ME!
In a desperate bid to win her mother's (guest star Gina Torres) approval, Vanessa vies with Blair for the honor of delivering the freshman toast at NYU on **GOSSIP GIRL** (9 p.m., CW).

TOO FAR?
On **EXTREME PARANORMAL** (10 p.m., A&E), Shaun, Nathan and Jason try to provoke spirits of the dead to learn the truth behind chilling legends.

BRAVO

The obnoxious "Million Dollar Listing" crew is yours for the viewing tonight.

TOUGH JOBS
On **MILLION DOLLAR LISTING** (10 p.m., Bravo), Josh's grandmother offers him advice on how to cope in a depressed real estate market, so he lists a parcel of land in a golfing community and tries to sign a deal in Bel Air. (TRIBUNE MEDIA)

weddings lookout

B.I.O.

BY INVITATION ONLY: UPCOMING WEDDINGS & UNIONS

Joe Grossberg, Salem Pearce

Joe, 33, is a software developer. Salem, 31, is a fundraising professional. They live in D.C.

■ **The Main Event:** Rabbi Tamara Miller, who they met in a boot camp fitness class at the Washington D.C. Jewish Community Center, will officiate their Oct. 25 morning wedding in D.C.

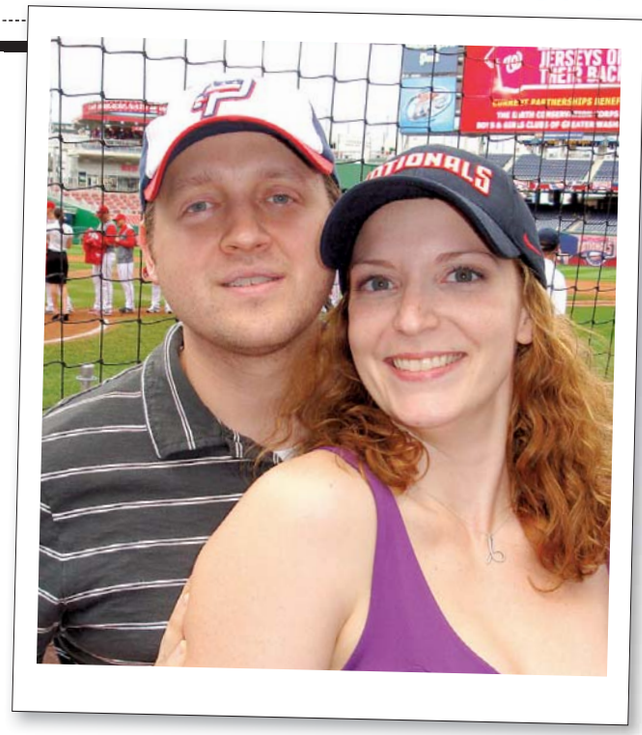
■ **How They Met:** On JDate.com, after Joe changed his profile to mimic Borat, the Sacha Baron Cohen character. "I figured, 'Any woman who will go on a date with me would share a similar sense of humor. Or be Kazakh.'"

■ **First Date:** They watched a college football game at a bar in Arlington. Two of Salem's friends joined them: "I had been on so many bad dates that I just couldn't risk another without chaperones/backup."

■ **How He Proposed:** Neither of them formally proposed, but one day last December while putting groceries away, "we just decided to get married," says Salem. When they updated their Facebook statuses to "engaged," the congratulations poured in.

■ **Pet Names:** He calls her "Sacie," her childhood mispronunciation of her own name. "Her mother warned me it was only to be used by those closest to Salem," Joe jokes.

"'Any woman who would date me would share my sense of humor. Or be Kazakh.'"



I Pinky Swear ...

On the night **BRYAN YEARY** planned to propose to **DEANNA BUMSTEAD**, he realized he'd forgotten something: her folks' blessing. They were at dinner, celebrating DeAnna's recent promotion, and he had the ring sneakily concealed on his pinky. DeAnna — whose interest was piqued in Bryan five years ago when the Georgetown students talked cars ("He had me at, 'My first car was a '67 Mustang,'" she says) — didn't suspect a thing until dessert. That's when Bryan excused himself to go call her parents. Did DeAnna realize something was up? No, "she thought I wasn't feeling well, since I was gone for so long," Bryan says. After dinner, he wordlessly popped the question and she, of course, accepted.

DeAnna, 30, is an attorney recruiting coordinator. Bryan, 30, works for the D.C. government. Their wedding is Oct. 31 (no costumes allowed) in Poughkeepsie, N.Y. They live in Alexandria.

Mario Burney, Kandace Murray

Mario, 33, is a director of premier services. Kandace, 28, is a business operations manager. They live in Alexandria.

■ **The Main Event:** A Florida Keys wedding with just 26 guests on Oct. 23. The reception will be on a Victorian-style veranda overlooking the beach.

■ **How They Met:** He hosted a barbecue in his D.C. condo; his cousin Korey invited some co-workers, one of whom was Kandace.

■ **First Date:** At Mario's house; they grabbed takeout and went to his place to watch a movie. "I ended up falling asleep on his shoulder and snoring. Extremely embarrassing."

■ **How He Proposed:** Over a week. On Monday, he gave her a dozen roses and an envelope labeled, "Because I love you Monday," with a letter inside. On Tuesday, another gift and another letter, and so on through the week. On Sunday, he drove her to the Jefferson Memorial and gave her the final letter — and this one ended in a question.

■ **Pet Names:** He's "Poppa," and she's "Suga Pie."

■ **When They Knew:** When he took care of her after a minor surgery. "I asked myself, 'What the heck are you doing taking care of this girl as if you're all in love with her or something?' That's when it hit me: 'You idiot, that's exactly why you're doing it.'"

"'What the heck are you doing taking care of this girl as if you're all in love with her?'"

Erin Murphy, Jonathan Powers

Erin, 28, is a producer. Jonathan, 31, is COO of the Truman National Security Project. They live in D.C.

■ **The Main Event:** Oct. 31 in western New York, with 200 guests attending the formal ceremony and ski-lodge reception.

■ **Honeymoon:** Thailand, to ride elephants, take cooking classes, and rest and relax on the beach.

■ **How They Met:** While conducting interviews with him for a video she was working on. "I think it was a great pickup line — 'I'm an Iraq veteran working with kids and orphanages back in Iraq.' What's not to love? I immediately had a crush on him but maintained our professional friendship — he was my client."

■ **First Date:** They saw a Killers cover band at the Clarendon Ballroom.

■ **How He Proposed:** On a trip to the Dominican Republic, they signed up for a sailboat excursion to an uninhabited island. "I wanted to take her to the end of the Earth, so we continued to trek around the beach until no one was in sight — she kept wanting to turn around!"

■ **Stupidest Fight:** How to arrange the furniture in their new living room.

■ **Making It Unique:** They're embracing their Oct. 31 date with a trick-or-treat table — where guests can choose their own candy — instead of favors, and a costume-party rehearsal dinner.

■ **Family Traditions:** "Dancing!" Erin says. "Our families love to get down. We're not saying they're good dancers, but they love to dance."

Getting Married? If you'd like to see your wedding or commitment ceremony in B.I.O., send your favorite informal photograph (wacky is fine, but please don't send a formal engagement shot), plus your names and ceremony date to weddings@readexpress.com. Please contact us at least one month before your wedding. We'll get back to you with questions.

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Poll Center

WOULD A TAX ON SUGARY DRINKS MAKE YOU DRINK THEM LESS OFTEN?

YESTERDAY'S RESULTS AS OF 5 P.M.

NO 59%

YES 41%

"No, sin taxes are both regressive and ineffective. The simple-minded will continue to expand their mass regardless of the cost. Look at smoking: The risks are clear, yet there are still millions of stupid people lighting up every day."

COMMENTER MILDLYMISANTHROPIC

"So, if there's going to be a tax on sugary drinks like sodas, is there going to be a tax on sugary and fattening foods like Twinkies, brownies and chocolate? If not, then this idea makes no sense."

COMMENTER CHRIS

"I guess I'll just have to drink that much more beer."

AN ANONYMOUS COMMENTER

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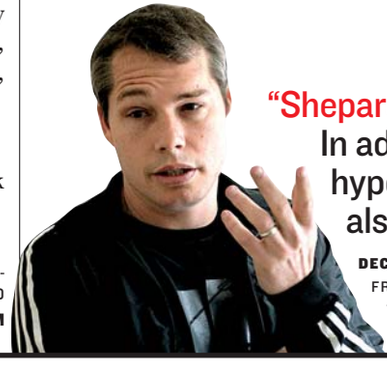
"I HAVE A CONFESSION to make: I simply love this wretched, icky weather. Rain is just beautiful, even if it's dreary. It's quiet and it smells good, and the world is just a little quieter under a blanket of rain."

MADAMEMEOW.COM WAS NOT AT ALL UPSET WITH THE MISERABLE WEEKEND WEATHER IN THE WASHINGTON AREA.

"I have trouble dealing with people who manufacture drama, but I'd be especially disappointed if I were to escape to a wild land and found monsters who were that overly sensitive."

DCALEX.BLOGSPOT.COM FOUND THE MONSTERS IN "WHERE THE WILD THINGS ARE" TOO "MOODY AND GENERALLY EMO."



"Shepard Fairey is a liar by his own admission! In addition to being a plagiarist and a serial hypocrite, the plagiarizing serial hypocrite also tells big fat lies when it suits him."

DECEIVER.COM HAS LITTLE RESPECT FOR THE ARTIST, WHO ADMITTED FRIDAY TO LEGAL WRONGDOING IN HIS COPYRIGHT VIOLATION CASE WITH THE ASSOCIATED PRESS OVER HIS "HOPE" POSTER OF BARACK OBAMA.

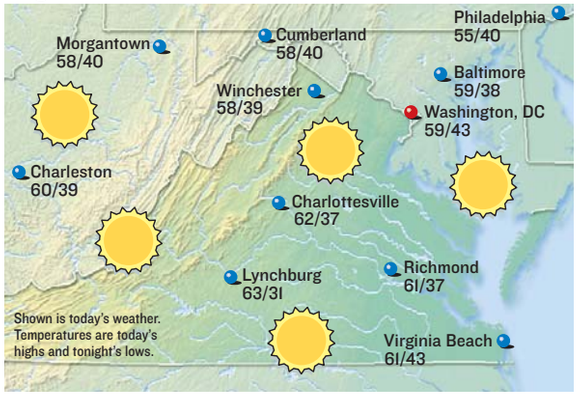
"YOU GOTTA GIVE him this: Joe Arpaio knows how to manipulate the media. Of course, none of this reduces crime in greater Phoenix. But it does get Arpaio a lot of ink."

TRUECRIMEREPORT.COM IS NOT IMPRESSED WITH THE MARICOPA COUNTY, ARIZ., SHERIFF, WHO WAS CASTIGATED BY FEDERAL AUTHORITIES FOR UNCONSTITUTIONAL ROUNDUPS OF LATINOS.

5 Day Forecast for the Washington Area

Today	Tonight	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Sunny	Mostly clear	Partly sunny	Partly sunny	Mostly sunny	Rain possible
59°	43°	70° / 52°	69° / 53°	72° / 55°	67° / 54°

Regional Weather



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Almanac

Washington, D.C., through 4 p.m. Sun.

Temperature

High	53°
Low	39°
Normal high	67°
Normal low	49°
Average humidity	72%

Precipitation

24 hours ending 4 p.m.	0.67"
Month to date	2.61"
Normal month to date	1.92"
Year to date	32.58"
Last year to date	40.00"
Normal year to date	31.97"

For up-to-the-minute weather, see:
washingtonpost.com/weather

Regional Forecast

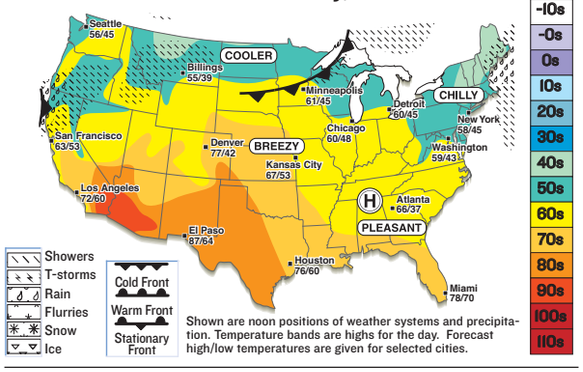
D.C. Metro: Today, sunny. High 59. Wind north-northwest 10-20 mph. Tonight, mostly clear. Low 43. Wind west 4-8 mph. Tuesday, partly sunny. High 70.

Sun and Moon

Sunrise today	7:22 a.m.
Sunset tonight	6:24 p.m.
Moonrise today	8:59 a.m.
Moonset today	6:55 p.m.

First	Full	Last	New
Oct 25	Nov 2	Nov 9	Nov 16

National Weather for Monday, October 19



Shown are noon positions of weather systems and precipitation. Temperature bands are highs for the day. Forecast high/low temperatures are given for selected cities.

National Cities

City	Today Hi/Lo/W	Tues. Hi/Lo/W
Atlanta	66/37/s	74/50/s
Boston	54/43/pc	62/47/pc
Chicago	60/48/pc	63/49/pc
Dallas	74/62/s	79/67/pc
Denver	77/42/pc	58/36/r
Honolulu	87/76/s	86/75/pc
Los Angeles	72/60/pc	76/58/pc
Miami	78/70/pc	83/74/pc
New York City	58/45/s	61/53/pc
Orlando	74/57/s	82/64/s
Seattle	56/45/pc	58/48/c

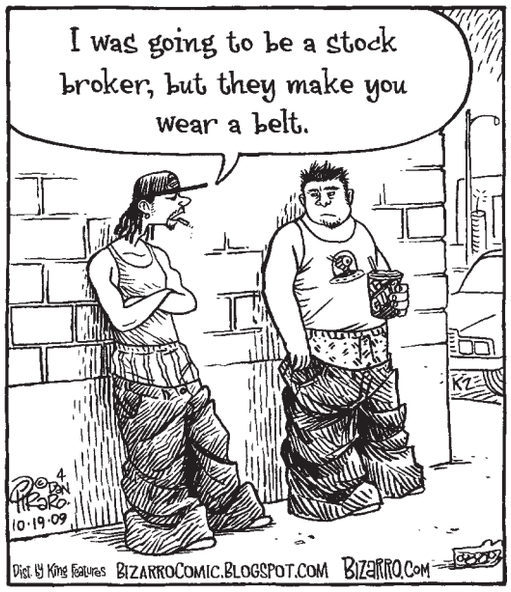
World Cities

City	Today Hi/Lo/W	Tues. Hi/Lo/W
Amsterdam	52/41/c	52/41/s
Athens	74/54/sh	70/58/s
Berlin	44/33/s	47/36/s
Buenos Aires	72/55/sh	74/59/pc
Calgary	44/25/r	44/23/c
Dublin	55/46/r	57/46/sh
Geneva	54/38/s	64/47/pc
Moscow	43/31/pc	45/39/pc
Rome	57/36/s	59/45/s
Sydney	73/55/pc	77/61/s
Tokyo	72/61/pc	72/62/pc

s-sunny, pc-partly cloudy, c-cloudy, sh-showers, t-thunderstorms, r-rain, sf-snow flurries, sn-snow, i-ice.

comics lookout

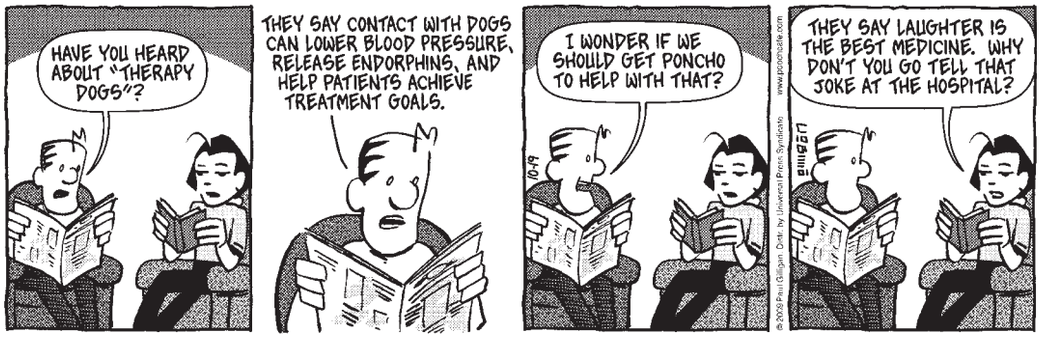
Bizarro | *Dan Piraro*



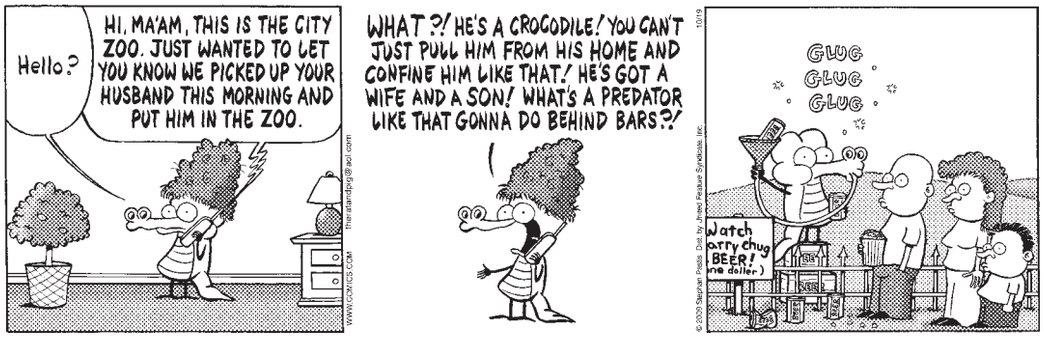
Cornered | *Mike Baldwin*

"The truth was, I had no one to blame but myself. And that's why I hired you."

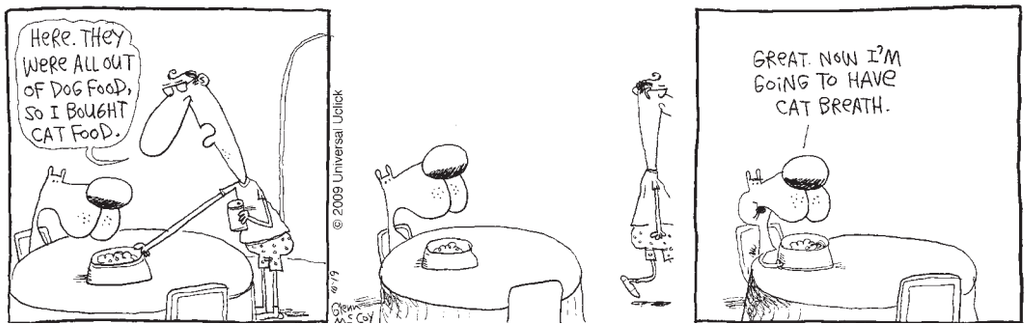
Pooch Cafe | *Paul Gilligan*



Pearls Before Swine | *Stephan Pastis*



The Duplex | *Glenn McCoy*



Horoscope

By Stella Wilder

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) You have reason to be looking far into the future — even as you tie up loose ends and bid goodbye to a past episode once and for all.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) Don't fear being alone at this time. Indeed, solitude affords you an opportunity for self-discovery and experimentation.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) Someone who has stood up against you on more than one occasion in the past is likely to experience an about-face and favor your efforts.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) You may feel as though you'll never get to the bottom of a particularly stubborn mystery. After dark, more clues are revealed.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) Think outside of the box to solve a sudden problem presented by a rival or challenger.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20) You may only be able to offer a few kind words to help a friend in need, but he or she will surely appreciate the gesture more than you know.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) Know when to stand your ground and when to give way. You can accomplish much simply by avoiding a head-on conflict.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) Focus on more than domestic issues. Anything that concerns you is worth your attention, in or out of the home.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) You may be forgetting the simplest and most fundamental of lessons. Get back to basics, and help others do the same.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) The more diplomatic you can be the better. You don't want to broach any difficult issues in a way that discourages others.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) You can afford to face the day in a more daring, aggressive fashion. Avoid pitting yourself directly against others at this time, however.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) Let your imagination guide you through the day, and you'll realize that you're on the verge of accomplishing something rare and important.

Today in History

1765 The Stamp Act Congress, meeting in New York, draws up a declaration of rights and liberties.

1781 British troops under Lord Cornwallis surrender at Yorktown, Va., ending the Revolutionary War.

1944 The U.S. Navy announces black women would be allowed into Women Accepted for Volunteer Emergency Service (WAVES).

1951 President Harry Truman formally ends the state of war with Germany.

1960 The U.S. imposes an embargo on exports to Cuba covering all commodities except medical supplies and certain food products.

1977 The supersonic Concorde airplane makes its first landing in New York after 19 months of delays caused by residents concerned about the aircraft's noise.

1987 The stock market crashes as the Dow Jones Industrial Average plunges 508 points, or 22.6 percent in value — its biggest-ever percentage drop in decades.

AGENCE FRANCE-PRESSE

The Concorde airplane landed for the first time in New York on Oct. 19, 1977.

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lookout people

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We think that this one is Kourtney.

VALUABLES

Alas, Kim and Khloe Not Among Items Stolen

Reality star **KOURTNEY KARDASHIAN**'s Calabasas, Calif., home was burglarized Saturday, USmagazine.com reported. Approximately $108,000 of jewelry was taken, according to People.com. There are currently no suspects. (EXPRESS)

SLANDER

The Truer It Sounds, the More Money It's Worth

A Florida woman who told a reporter that Michael Jackson's ex-wife **DEBORAH ROWE** was interested only in getting money from the singer's family and wasn't interested in gaining custody of her two children is being sued. Rowe's attorneys said Rowe should be awarded $490,000 damages. (AP)

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Find the latest celebrity news and photo evidence of stars' sordid lives at WWW.EXPRESSNIGHTOUT.COM.

PETER KRAMER/AP

STUPID CRIMES

Another Day, Another DUI

"Hills" star **STEPHANIE PRATT** (sister of Spencer Pratt and sister-in-law of Heidi Montag) was arrested on suspicion of driving under the influence early Sunday morning. She was released on $5,000 bail, USmagazine.com reported. Pratt had been partying at Montag's birthday party in Los Angeles. (EXPRESS)

We always try to choose the most flattering photos.

BUSY

That One Lifetime Movie Took a Lot Out of Her

LINDSAY LOHAN is getting another chance. Los Angeles Superior Court Judge Marsha Revel granted a request by the actress to extend her three-year probation another year, but the district attorney warned jail time would be sought if Lohan stumbled again. Lohan was ordered to appear in court Friday after her substance abuse treatment program notified the court she was missing meetings. Lohan's lawyer asked the judge for the probation extension because she said Lohan has been very busy with work and unable to complete the substance abuse treatment program. (AP)

STEVEN SENNE/AP

In case you don't remember, Hatch was notorious for his nudity on "Survivor."

EMPLOYMENT

Wanted: Former Convict For Clothing-Optional Job

"Survivor" winner **RICHARD HATCH** completed on Friday a federal sentence for tax evasion. Hatch will have to find a job and must refile his 2000 and 2001 tax returns and pay all his back taxes. He must also complete a mental health program. Hatch is still working with the IRS to determine how much money he owes. (AP)

AWESOME QUOTES

'I Was Also Just Plastered'

Remember two years ago when **JOHN STAMOS** acted crazy on an Australian talk show and blamed it on jet lag? He now tells the Advocate the truth: "Yes, I was on sleeping pills and I was jet-lagged, but I was also just plastered. And I never said I wasn't, but that whole Warner Bros. publicity machine got involved and said, 'Just say he was jet-lagged.'" (EXPRESS)

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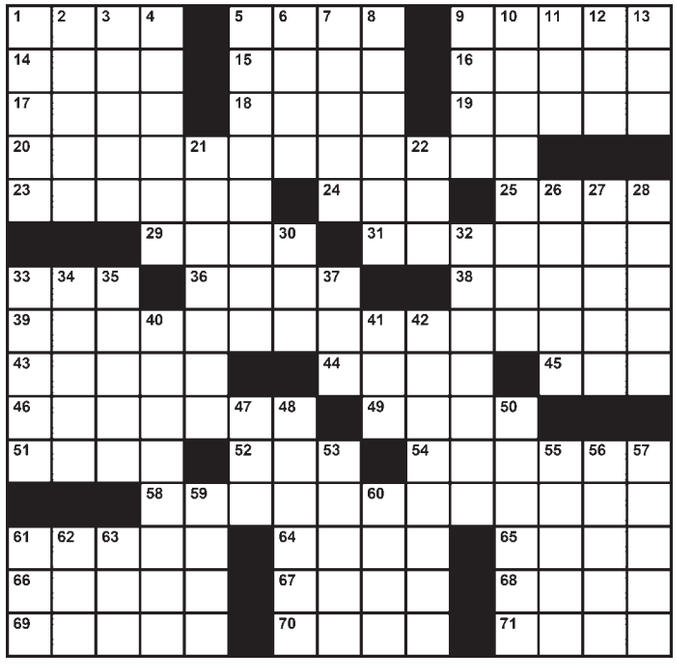

ACROSS
1 Improvise, in jazz
5 Calculator key
9 Gesture for Churchill
14 "Young Frankenstein" flunky
15 Try to pledge
16 "Victory ___" (WWII documentary)
17 Strange-sounding canal?
18 "A Death in the Family" author
19 Rat Pack first name
20 Country hound?
23 Petrarchan sonnet finale
24 Aromatherapy venue
25 ___ gin fizz (cocktail)
29 ___ podrida (Spanish stew)
31 Aardvark's paradise
33 Who's who piece, for short
36 Unwelcome greenhouse guest
38 "Lather, ___, repeat"
39 Country hound?
43 Stranger from a strange land
44 "Gilligan's Island" tree
45 "___ Given Sunday" (1999)
46 Lays waste to
49 Shapeless movie monster
51 ___-in-the-wool
52 Word in many limericks
54 Sickbay superlative
58 Country hound?
61 "Dear" book
64 Cote calls
65 Access for a collier
66 Toastmaster
67 African antelope
68 Cake feature, sometimes
69 Sporting gear with bell guards
70 Barbary beasts
71 "Buona ___" (Italian greeting)

DOWN
1 Personal opinions
2 Come to a consensus
3 Drudges
4 Magician's word
5 Jabbers
6 Two-person racing sled
7 Cybercafe patrons
8 Mount Everest guide
9 Ming dynasty artifact
10 Enterprise, e.g.
11 "Manner" attachment
12 Rock with a band?
13 Word of rejection
21 Serving, as at dinner
22 Novelist Fleming
26 Hamilton or Hunt
27 "Come on down!" announcer Johnny
28 Doleful poem
30 What a butt leaves behind
32 Cheap trill?
33 Facial feature, for some
34 Dentist's filling
35 Architectural arch
37 1/192 qt.
40 Like most pencils
41 Book before Zephaniah (Abbr.)
42 ...
47 "Maa" ma
48 Havens
50 Swells up
53 Exclusive news story
55 "Leave It to Beaver" smooth-talker
56 Comparatively cunning
57 Prefix meaning "four"
59 Vodka grains
60 Partner of faith and charity
61 "A Raisin in the Sun" star Ruby
62 Troublemaking toddler
63 Man on the mound

Friday's Solution

SUDOKU | EASY

Fill in the boxes so each row, column and 3-by-3 square includes the digits 1 through 9. See www.sudoku.com for solution, tips and computer program.

Need more Su|do|ku?
Find another Sudoku puzzle in the Comics section of the Post every Sunday and in the Style section Monday through Saturday.

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Friday's Solution

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